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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **APRIL 7, 2016**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on April 7, 2016 at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, MA, LPC, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member

Excused:

William Green, MS, LRC, Committee Chair
W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (Public Session)
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

Committee Vice-Chair, Ketrin Saud Maxwell announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to approve the March 3, 2016 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Kevin Capriolo, Montclair State University - School Clinician

Jess Pratt, Montclair State University - Student

Megan Rodriguez, Montclair State University - Adjunct

Jane Tsilova, Montclair State University - School Clinician

Josh Szporn, Montclair State University - Student

David H., Montclair State University - Case Manager & Student

Aimee DeShelpo, Montclair State University - Advanced Counseling Student

Edina Renfro-Michel Montclair State University - Associate Professor

F. Arakel, ACAP - Student

Randy Clark, NJCA - President of NJCA

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,560 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,470 applications and 35 reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Sunset Regulation Review

The draft regulations, which the Committee approved at its March 3, 2016 meeting, will be presented for final approval to The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners at its April 14, 2016 meeting.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

B. Assembly Bill 3224

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3224 which seeks to establish the “Mental Health Treatment Reform and Violence Prevention Act.”

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to remain neutral on this bill. Voting in favor: all.

C. Assembly Bill 3387

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3387 which seeks supplemental appropriation of \$50 million from General Fund to DHS for substance abuse treatment and prevention.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

D. Assembly Bill 3453

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3453 which seeks to require all public bodies to allow public comment at every meeting.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

E. Assembly Bill 4831

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4831 which seeks to make reforms to mental health treatment; clarifies laws governing purchase of firearms by persons with history of mental illness.

Upon motion made by Diane Licht, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to remain neutral on this bill. Voting in favor: all.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to review.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA, discussed with the Committee that membership for the NJCA has increased around 25% from last year.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. The draft has been reviewed and approved, and will go before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for final approval at its April 14, 2016 meeting.

B. Internet Therapy Counseling:

Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg is assisting the PC Sub-Committee on internet therapy counseling by assigning Stephen C. Tighe, a law intern, to compile all available data on statutes and regulations on internet therapy. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

A. Heather DeVenuto, LPC, March 3, 2016

B. James W. Faye, LPC, March 16, 2016

C. Michela Tripodi, LPC, March 16, 2016

D. Joseph McKeon, LPC, April 5, 2016

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 2, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

June 2, 2016

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016
November 3, 2016
December 1, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Aftab, Pouya
Brutus, Jeffrey
Bryant, Svetlana
Carmen, Elizabeth
Corus, Rachel
Delorenzo, Thalia
Ertler, Dori
Everett, Mallory
Fernandez-Cepeda, Yajaira
Field, Erin
Garcia, Linet
Jedlicka, Cara
Keyes, Samantha
Lansdell, Ryan
Saveri, Larissa
Smith, Arenzo

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Alphonse, Sarah
Aviles, Melissa
Badia, Melissa
Bartosh, Kathleen
Book, Lauren
Bur, Brittany
Checinski, Mathew
Casciello, Janine
Chocolate, Kristina
Czar, Sarah
Davis, Bonnie Mae
Dowe, Margaret
Farabaugh, Jeanne
Findura, John
Fornarotto, Liana
Green, Sharon
Grejtakova, Anna
Kalmus, Brian
Killmeyer, Jamie
Kunz, Samantha
LaMarie, Lisa

Marks, Pamela
Martin, Jasmine
Mastbeth, Stefanie
McCann, Mary
Mills, Jennifer
Moorhouse, Kelly
Musto, Nicole
Notaro, Blair
Ongoco-Kamhi, Maria
Osrowitz, Michael
Perdomo, Clarice
Ringold, Antanette
Reynolds, Jennifer
Robinson, Amy
Rodas, Erika
Romanski, Stephanie
Roveda, Victor
Salazar, Victoria
Samson, Raphael
Sbahia, Lisa
Sopko, Lindsey
Sugerman, Rachel
Tozzi, Mathew
Walker, Cindy
Wambu, Grace
Wetmore, Kelsey
Weaver, Timothy
Wichert, Marjorie

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Agnello, Kristen
Cannedy, Erica
Dean, Emily
DiBella, Frank
Doshi, Poonam
Fell, Loriann
Fusco, Andria
Garcia, Ronni
Hale, Stacy
King, Rebecca
Lacefield, Isiah
Lynch, Heidi
Margolis, Aryeh
Marino, Victoria
Moore, Kathleen
Newman, Steven
Neville, Traci

Oland, Brian
Peters, Calandra
Pietzch, Erika
Reyes, Alfonsina
Troncoso-Chaples, Gisela
Turton, Wendy
Zaino, Samantha

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Diane Licht, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 12:22 p.m. Voting in favor: all.